

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: HORI, et al
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 For: LIPID METABOLISM IMPROVING AGENT
 Group: 1615
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

March 11, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 11, 2001,
 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 - 16 and 19 - 27 without prejudice or
 disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 17 and 18 as follows:

17. (amended) A method for treating or preventing a disease
 selected from the group consisting of fatty liver,
 hypertension, hyperlipidemia, arteriosclerosis, obesity,